



March 27, 2018

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 98-96 – 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Accounts of Settlement in the Maritime Mobile and Maritime-Satellite Radio Services and Withdrawal of the Commission as an Accounting Authority in the Maritime Mobile and Maritime-Satellite Radio Services (“2016 Accounting Authority Second FNPRM”)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 23, 2018, David Greenhill (President – COMSAT), Martha McIntosh (General Counsel – Satcom Direct, Inc. family of companies); and Allison Rule (Partner – Marashlian & Donahue, PLLC, representing COMSAT, INC. (“COMSAT”), convened a telephonic conference with Dana Shaffer, Esq., Deputy Bureau Chief Of Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, with respect to COMSAT’s Reply Comments and previously submitted *ex parte* notices in the above-numbered proceeding.

During the call with Ms. Shaffer, COMSAT requested a status update from the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “the Commission”) as to progress that has been made in this proceeding. COMSAT also confirmed its willingness to serve as the default accounting authority upon the FCC’s exit from this role. In addition, COMSAT again emphasized the fact that interested parties have had numerous and ample opportunities to provide input as to the appropriateness of the Commission designating COMSAT as the new default accounting authority. To date, no entity has come forward on the record in this proceeding to object to COMSAT’s proposal and willingness to take on the role of default accounting authority.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of these proceedings and provided to the Commission participants. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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